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# *Village of Almont*

*817 North Main Street  
Almont, Michigan 48003*

**Village Council:**  
Steve Schneider, President  
Tim Dyke, Pres. Pro-Tem  
Richard Lauer  
Dave Love  
Gary Peltier  
Richard Tobias  
Thomas Umphenour

## **ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING March 19, 2013**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Tobias, Schneider, Umphenour

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present:	Village Manager	Oliver Turner
	Police Chief	Pat Nael
	Police Sergeant	John Morse

Guests Present: DDA Director Nancy Boxey; LDC Executive Director Patricia Lucas; Doug Skylis, ROWE Professional Services; 19 High School Students

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda, including an addition to discuss the purchase of a patrol vehicle by Almont Township during open discussion.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2013
2. Warrant #13-03-B CK#31322-31370
3. Detroit Water Report, February 2013
4. DPW Report, February 2013
5. WWTP Report, February 2013
6. Police Report, February 2013
7. Payroll Report, February 2013

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None



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## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Early Retirement Agreement – Sergeant Morse**

Discussion was held regarding the provisions of an early retirement agreement between the Village and Sergeant Morse. Sergeant Morse explained he was satisfied with the terms of the agreement and that he had an opportunity to have it reviewed by his own legal counsel.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the early retirement agreement as revised to clarify that the stipends provided for in Section 2 (c) would be paid monthly and to revise the word 'resign/retire' to 'retire'.

### **2. LDC Funding Request and NMDC Update**

LDC Director Lucas provided an update to Council regarding the I-69 International Trade Corridor Next Michigan Development Corporation initiative.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve an increase in annual Village membership dues paid to the LDC with the Almont DDA paying \$4,000 of membership dues and the Village paying \$1,000 of membership dues.

### **3. DDA Board of Directors Appointments**

President Schneider moved to appoint Mr. Mike Knapke; Ms. Tara Antonelli; and Ms. Michelle Breen to serve an additional four year term each on the Almont DDA Board of Directors, with each term to expire in March 2017.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to ratify President Schneider's appointment of Mr. Knapke; Ms. Antonelli; and Ms. Breen to the Almont DDA Board of Directors for additional four year terms expiring in March 2017.

### **4. Settlement Agreement and Release – Motorola Solutions**

Council held discussion regarding the settlement agreement and release that would be entered into between the Village and Motorola Solutions relative to damage Motorola Solutions caused to the water tower during the installation of emergency communications equipment.

### **5. Future DPW Needs**

DPW Supervisor Treat requested that Council support camera inspections for the Village's sewer infrastructure and consider the purchase of a replacement Vactor truck. Discussion was held by Council and it was the consensus of the Council to work a sewer inspection program into the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget and to search for a Vactor truck to purchase.

Council recessed at 9:04 p.m. to sign agendas for students and reconvened at 9:06 p.m.



**6. MML Natural Gas Purchasing Program**

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **PASSED**, with Dyke and Peltier opposing, to approve a variable rate contract designating CenterPoint Energy as the Village's natural gas supplier.

**7. Resolution No. 13-03-02 - Recreation Passport Grant Application**

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to pass Resolution No. 13-03-02, supporting the submission of a Recreation Passport Grant Application by the Almont Parks and Recreation Board to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Tobias, Umphenour, Love, Lauer, Schneider, Dyke, Peltier  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

Council recessed at 9:22 p.m. and reconvened at 9:29 p.m.

**8. Closed Session**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, being Public Act 267 of 1976, to hold a strategy session connected to the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Tobias, Umphenour, Love, Lauer, Schneider, Dyke, Peltier  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

Council entered into Closed Session at 9:30 p.m.

Council came out of Closed Session at 10:29 p.m.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**1. LePechs Property**

It was the consensus of Council to request that the Building Official inspect the LePechs property in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 108, being the 'Almont Village Dangerous Buildings Ordinance.'

**2. Financial Position Report**



### **3. Purchase of Patrol Vehicle**

Chief Nael gave a presentation regarding the possibility that the Village could purchase a vehicle for the Township and that repayment by the Township for the vehicle purchase could be added into the police services contract.

It was the consensus of Council to work the purchase of a Township vehicle into the police services contract and for the Village to solicit bids for and purchase the vehicle.

#### **COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT:**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

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Oliver Turner  
Village Manager/Recording Secretary

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Steve Schneider  
President

Approved: April 2, 2013



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